

News From North Atlantic Region—

Honoring U.S. Merchant Seafarers During National Maritime Day Observances in New York City

The Maritime Administration's North Atlantic Regional Office coordinated and participated in National Maritime Day activities in the Port of New York and New Jersey on Monday, May 23. The Executive Director of the Seamen's Church Institute; World War II Merchant Marine Veterans; senior members of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port; New York City and industry officials; along with the Regional Director and Maritime Program Specialist attended a Seafarers Memorial Service at Trinity Church in Manhattan.

Following the service, the group then proceeded in a ceremonial procession down Broadway to the seawall in Battery Park in Lower Manhattan for a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Merchant Mariners Memorial. Everyone mustered at the Seamen's Church Institute for a luncheon, which included speeches honoring seafarers and World War II music. Joining in the activities were the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Color Guard, bugler, and Midshipman Jeanne Ferrer, who addressed the group on her worldwide oceangoing experiences. In addition, four high school students from the New York Harbor School spoke to the seafarers.



U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans prepare to cast a ceremonial wreath into New York Harbor at the U.S. Merchant Marine Memorial as part of National Maritime Day ceremonies honoring the lost seafarers of World War II.

One Nation, One Moment **National Moment of Remembrance**

At 3:00 p.m., world-wide, on Memorial Day, May 30, Americans paused to remember the sacrifices of the fallen, from the Revolutionary War to the present, including members of the Armed Forces and the U.S. Merchant Marine.



*Photo by Captain Laurence V. Wade,
USMS, Master of the TS State of Maine*

The Training Ship *State of Maine* observed a moment of silence at 1500 hours, followed by eight bells, and a rendition of the hymn *Eternal Father*, sometimes known as the Navy Hymn. The TS *State of Maine* is the Maine Maritime Academy's training vessel, and is owned by the Maritime Administration. It is currently on a training voyage, and was en route from Aruba to the Bahamas via the Equator.

Upcoming Events

U.S. Maritime Security Expo
New York City
September 20-21, 2005
Contact: www.maritimesecurityexpo.com

AAPA Annual Convention
Tampa, Florida
October 23-27, 2005
Contact: (703) 684-5700

SOCp Meeting
Elizabeth, NJ
November 8-10, 2005
Contact: www.socp.org

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